


# MAYOR AND COUNCIL – STUDY SESSION

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY DECEMBER 20, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER



Mayor Robert E. Walkup called the Study Session to order at 3:39 P.M. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall Tower, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup  
Vice-Mayor Steve Leal, (Ward 5)  
Council Member Jose J. Ibarra, (Ward 1)  
Council Member Carol West, (Ward 2)  
Council Member Karin Uhlich, (Ward 3)  
Council Member Shirley C. Scott, (Ward 4)  
Council Member Nina J. Trasoff, (Ward 6)

STAFF: Mike Hein, City Manager  
Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager  
Mike Rankin, City Attorney  
Kathleen Detrick, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
(This item taken out of order.)	
11. Presentation on Health Insurance Challenges for Tucson Small Businesses (City Wide) SS/DEC20-05-299  Presentation given. No formal direction given to staff.	
2. Human Services Plan (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-297  6. Construction Procurement (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-289  Mayor Walkup announced Study Session Items 2 and 6 will be continued to the Mayor and Council Meeting of January 4, 2006.	<u>DIRS. OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT</u> are informed

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<p>1. Financial Sustainability – Road Maintenance (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-296</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member West to direct staff to look at the 80% overall street condition index; find a balance between residential streets and the major streets and routes with the emphasis on residential streets while also addressing major streets and routes; look at the funding mechanism and return to Mayor and Council.</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Leal offered an amendment to the motion regarding the \$2 million received annually from PAG: look at what percentage of traffic on arterials is coming from outside the City; do an analysis and see what the split looks like; then determine if the amount from PAG should be increased.</p> <p>Amendment acceptable to maker.</p> <p>Council Member Scott offered an amendment to require the amount allocated for rehabilitation of residential streets be equitably distributed throughout the City and also take into account sensitivity to the deterioration of arterials and be flexible enough to adapt to this.</p> <p>Amendment acceptable to maker.</p> <p>Motion, as amended, PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF TRANSPORTATION</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>3. Request by the Tucson Human Relations Commission to Create an Award Honoring Ray Davies (City Wide) SS/DEC20-05-290</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member Scott to allow the creation of the Ray Davies Award and the Human Relations Commission can proceed with the proposal as presented.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u> Is responsible</p>

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<p>4. Strategic Plan – Consideration of New Elements/Proposed Subcommittees (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-295</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member West to approve the new elements of the City of Tucson Strategic Plan and Subcommittees as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Children, Families and Seniors :</b> CHAIR Carol West, Shirley Scott, Jose Ibarra</li><li>2. <b>Environment, Planning and Resource Management – Intelligent Growth</b> CHAIR Karin Uhlich, Shirley Scott, Carol West</li><li>3. <b>Neighborhoods, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness</b> Chair Jose Ibarra, Nina Trasoff, Steve Leal</li><li>4. <b>Transportation</b> CHAIR Shirley Scott, Karin Uhlich, Carol West</li><li>5. <b>Economic and Workforce Development</b> CHAIR Steve Leal, Karin Uhlich, Nina Trasoff</li><li>6. <b>Rio Nuevo/Downtown, Arts, Culture and History</b> CHAIR Nina Trasoff, Steve Leal, Jose Ibarra</li></ol> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>CITY MANAGER</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>5. Low Income Assistance For Refuse Service Payments (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-298</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff MOVED, SECONDED by Council Member Ibarra that staff be directed to prepare a proposal for consideration by Mayor and Council for the establishment of a single intake low income assistance system for all City fees and programs for which low income assistance is currently available, including the Environmental Services Fee.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF UTILITY SERVICES</u> Is responsible</p>

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<p>5. Low Income Assistance For Refuse Service Payments (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-298 (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Staff shall revisit how the application process is currently done and look at using a single intake approach, possibly computerized, that will make it easier for staff and constituents. Individuals can create a single application to establish eligibility for all low-income programs although they may not qualify for all of them. Once criteria has been established for eligibility, although it is possible that the criteria might not be the same for all programs, but once eligible, ideally, a person might qualify for a full year. The proposal may or may not include assistance for Tucson Water fees. Currently when the environmental services fees are waived this also includes waiving water and sewer fees as well. But as waiving water fees completely does not promote conservation staff should look at providing relief for basic water and sewer level minimums, and explore charging for any use above minimum water standards, in order to encourage conservation. Staff shall return by the end of January with an initial report for the Council to work together as a group, to find a solution that can be implemented by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.</p> <p>Council Member Scott offered an amendment to the motion that the one-year waiver be limited, potentially, to those on a fixed income and have those with variable income levels be in a separate categories, perhaps with a six-month eligibility review.</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff accepted the amendment as a potential option that staff may consider and report upon when the issue returns to Mayor and Council, and provide accompanying figures and documentation.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff MOVED and it was DULY SECONDED to have staff return to Mayor and Council in the first meeting in January with all necessary documentation to implement relief from the Environmental Services Fee for the balance of the current fiscal year only, without further monthly reapplication, for all the participants qualifying for relief from payment of this fee for the month of December 2005.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	

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<p>7. Mayor and Council Subcommittee Reports (City-Wide) SS/DEC20-05-291</p> <p>No reports given at this time.</p>	
<p>8. Mayor and Council Discussion of Regular Agenda SS/DEC20-05-292</p> <p><u>6-N Real Property: Acquisition of Real Property Located at 945 East Ohio Street (Cont'd from Meeting of 12/13/05)</u></p> <p>Council Member Trasoff requested that item N be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.</p> <p><u>6-A Community Support Fund Transfer for the Cultural Exchange Council of Tucson</u></p> <p><u>6-H Grant Agreement: With the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for a DNA Analysis Grant</u></p> <p><u>6-R Community Support Fund Transfer for Friends of Marty Birdman, Marty Birdman Center</u></p> <p>Council Member West requested that items A, H and R be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.</p>	
<p>9. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/DEC20-05-294</p> <p>Council Member West requested that Study Sessions start earlier than 3:00 PM.</p> <p>Council Member West requested a memo regarding which fees were affected by the December 13, 2005 motion to cut fees to 2002 levels.</p> <p>Council Member West also requested to see a future Study Session item regarding a separation of Water from Utility Services.</p>	<p><u>CITY MANAGER</u> Is responsible</p> <p><u>DIR. OF PARKS AND RECREATION</u> Is responsible</p> <p><u>DIR. OF UTILITY SERVICES</u> Is responsible</p>

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<p>9. Mayor and Council Discussion of Future Agendas SS/DEC20-05-294 (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich requested the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an update on the anti-meth efforts, in particular the status of an electronic log and the drug court and treatment options;</li><li>• an update on Payday Lending; and</li><li>• a layout of impact fees being collected in other municipalities across the state and the legal language being used on uses of those funds, and how offsets are applied and the legal language associated with it.</li></ul> <p>Vice-Mayor Leal also requested to see a future Study Session discussion regarding a separation of the Water bill from the Solid Waste bill.</p>	<p><u>POLICE CHIEF</u> Is responsible</p> <p><u>DIR. OF URBAN PLANNING</u> Is responsible</p> <p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u> Is responsible</p> <p><u>DIR. OF UTILITY SERVICES</u> Is responsible</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT: 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>VERBATIM TAPE RECORD AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE</p>	